

# **VIRGINIA COMMISSION** for the



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## **VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS STATEWIDE GRANT ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS**

**JANUARY 3, 2008--The Virginia Commission for the Arts** announces a series of statewide grant workshops to be held in January 2008. Workshop locations include: Richmond, South Boston, Emory, Roanoke, Charlottesville, Virginia Beach, Purcellville, Arlington, and Fredericksburg.

VCA Program Coordinator Cathy Welborn and Arts-in-Education Coordinator Tatjana Beylotte will provide an overview of grant programs, application and review procedures, as well as general tips on preparing competitive proposals in preparation for the March 3, 2008 and April 1, 2008 application deadlines.

Workshops are free and open to the public; pre-registration is not required. Attendance is not required in order to apply for Commission funding; however, workshops can be helpful for first-time applicants preparing requests for the following grant programs and/or directories:

General Operating Support Grants for Arts Organizations; Services to the Field; Project Grants for Organizations; Local Government Challenge Grants; Artist-In-Education Residencies & Teacher Incentive Grants; Technical Assistance and Technology Enhancement Grants; Artist Fellowships; Touring Assistance for Presenters; Performing Arts Tour Directory; Artist Roster; and Writers in Virginia directories.

Application forms and publications will be available at each two-hour workshop. Persons requiring the services of an interpreter for the hearing impaired should contact the Commission office at least one week in advance of the workshop.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts is the state agency that supports the arts through funding from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Commission distributes grants to arts and other not-for-profit arts organizations, educational institutions, educators, artists, and local governments. The Commission also provides financial assistance for technical assistance and assistance in arts management.

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**Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant Assistance Workshops will be held in the following locations:** *(Note: for specific directions or details for parking for the workshop you wish to attend, please contact the host sites directly in advance of the meeting day.)*

**RICHMOND**

Friday, January 11, 2008  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
**Pine Camp Cultural Arts & Community Center,** Arts Room  
4901 Old Brook Road  
Richmond, VA 23227  
(804) 646-3674

**SOUTH BOSTON**

Monday, January 14, 2008  
10:00am-12:00pm  
**The Prizery**  
700 Bruce Street  
South Boston, VA 24592  
(434) 572-8339, [www.prizery.com](http://www.prizery.com)

**EMORY**

Tuesday, January 15, 2008  
10:00am-12:00pm  
**Emory & Henry College**  
Van Dyke Center, Garnand Drive  
Emory, VA 24327  
(276) 944-6846, [www.ehc.edu](http://www.ehc.edu)

**ROANOKE**

Tuesday, January 15, 2008  
4:00pm-6:00pm  
**Hollins University**  
Moody Student Ctr., Ballator Gallery  
Roanoke, VA 24020  
(540) 362-6511, [www.hollins.edu](http://www.hollins.edu)

**VIRGINIA BEACH**

Thursday, January 17, 2008  
12:00pm-2:00pm  
**Contemporary Art Center of VA**  
2200 Parks Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
(757) 425-0000, [www.cacv.org](http://www.cacv.org)

**CHARLOTTESVILLE**

Friday, January 25, 2008  
1:00pm-3:00pm  
**McGuffey Art Center**  
201 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW  
Charlottesville, VA 22902  
(434) 295-7973  
[www.mcguffeyartcenter.com](http://www.mcguffeyartcenter.com)

**PURCELLVILLE**

Tuesday, January 29, 2008  
2:00pm-4:00pm  
**Franklin Park Visual & Performing Arts Center**  
36441 Blue Ridge View Lane  
Purcellville, VA 21032  
(540) 338-7973  
[www.franklinparkartcenter.org](http://www.franklinparkartcenter.org)

**ARLINGTON**

Wednesday, January 30, 2008  
1:00pm-3:00pm  
**Signature Theater,** Shen Reh. Rm.  
4200 Campbell Avenue  
Arlington, Virginia 22201  
(571) 527-1860  
[www.sig-online.org](http://www.sig-online.org)

**FREDERICKSBURG**

Thursday, January 31, 2008  
1:00pm-3:00pm  
**LibertyTown Arts Workshop**  
916 Liberty Street  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
(540) 371-7225  
[www.libertytownarts.com](http://www.libertytownarts.com)

For more information about the Virginia Commission for the Arts and links to other funding sources, visit [www.arts.virginia.gov](http://www.arts.virginia.gov) or call the Commission office at (804) 225-3132.